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Rev. H. C. Robinson D.D.
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

At the congregational meeting held at our church (Northminster Presbyterian) last night the call was unanimous to you as our pastor.
As President of the Christian Endeavor Society I wish to pledge you our support in whatever activity you would desire us
Trusting we may soon have the pleasure of having you with us I remain

Faithfully yours

Egbert H. Farr

3412 Wallace St.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF SESSION
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLIAM W. FISKE, TREASURER
2 SOUTH 15TH STREET

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PHILADELPHIA September 13,07

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I am in receipt of your favor advising me that you will be here with Mrs. Robinson next Monday evening , and I will be at West Philadelphia to meet you on the arrival of your train about 9 P. M.

In accordance with your expressed desire for a conference with the church officers I have called a meeting at my house 8 P. M. Tuesday of the Elders and Trustees ; not all are home yet or will be by that time I fear , but you may count on seeing a majority of both boards.

You will read with interest the attached items which have appeared in several of our papers in regard to the call extended to you Wednesday night. I have addressed a letter to the Editor of the "LEDGER" asking a correction of the misleading and absurd statement made in the item cut from their paper. But I suppose you are used to such lies and don't mind a little thing like that in the newspapers.

With kind regards to Mrs. Robinson , I am at your service

Cordially yours

Wm. W. Fiske

3403 Hamilton St
Philadelphia Sept. 22/07

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your looked-for telegram was received last evening while we were at the dinner table. We are glad your decision is so prompt and satisfactory. Dr. Orr made the announcement of your coming Nov. 1st from the pulpit this morning. There was great rejoicing. I wish that you would kindly send me a sketch of your life with a half dozen silver prints from your latest negative. While you may prefer not to have it in the papers, they are sure to get it in one way or another & so rather than see incorrect statements & poor pictures I think you will agree with me it is better to furnish them with a brief correct sketch with the best pictures you have -

And as for halftones are more from unmounted silver prints, which your photographer can easily make. I would rather have them.

Despite the rain we had 380 out to our Sunday School Rally this afternoon. Next Sunday we take our annual offering for the Bishop Freedmen & on the following Sunday have our Fall communion.

Mrs. Fiske & Seymour arrived home safely on the Shawmut Saturday morning. She sends her love to Mrs Robinson & while sorry to have been absent when you were here is glad that now she will soon have the pleasure of meeting her.

Hoping that you and your trunk got home together. I am

Cordially Yours

William W Fiske

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PHILADELPHIA

Sept. 25, 1907

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Yours of the 23d was received yesterday , and I thank you for your good letter to our people which I have had printed and will enclose you a copy in return for the one you kindly sent me and the paper also . I shall have a copy placed in each of our pews next Sunday , and also read the letter at our prayermeeting tonight.

I am glad that your people show no sign of putting any obstacle in the way of your coming November 1st , and trust that nothing unpleasant will develope at the Congregational meeting tomorrow night . At the same time they have my sincere sympathy in having to face the winter without a pastor , and the labor and trouble before them, which is now behind us, in securing one. It is not an easy task to please a large membership , and the difficulty is very greatly increased when there is lack of unity and harmony . Our people very generally feel that your acceptance is an answer to their prayer.

You can ship your furniture and Mrs. Robinsons plants as soon as convenient and I will pay the freight and have them hauled to the Manse when they arrive.

With kind regards to Mrs. Robinson , and assuring you that we believe our work at Northminster will go grandly forward under your ministry , I am

Cordially yours

Wm. W. Fiske

Thirty-fifth and Baring Streets
Philadelphia

Joseph Wilson Cochran,
Minister

3403 Hamilton Street
Philadelphia , July 2, 1907

Rev. William Courtland Robinson , D. D.

Syracuse , N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

It gives us pleasure to inform you that at a joint meeting of the Session and Board of Trustees,at the above address last night, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted , viz, RESOLVED, that a tentative call to become the Pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church , Philadelphia , be extended to the Rev. William Courtland Robinson, D. D. of Syracuse , N. Y. at an annual salary of $4,000. 00 and use of the Manse, with a vacation of from six to eight weeks during July and August at the discretion of the Session, the said tentative call to be formally approved and ratified by the Congregation at a regularly called Congregational Meeting in September next .

In making you this tentative call permit us to say that all reports, so far received,indicate such a general satisfaction on the part of our people with your preaching last Sunday , that the Committee is not only encouraged to hope , but confidently expects a unanimous vote of the congregation in approval of this action last night by the joint Boards of Trustees and Elders to whom , by formal motion at a regularly canstituted Congregational Meeting on June 26th, the question of extending a tentative call was unanimously referred. The interest and enthusiasm manifested in your coming is most gratifying to the officers of the church . We interpret it as an indication of Divine providence that you are the right man for the place,and as an answer to our prayers for guidance in this important step.

May we not hope for your favorable consideration, and affirmative answer, when the formal call is made you,to begin your pastorate on the first Sunday in Oct.?

Very sincerely yours

William M. Fiske
Stephen Dwight
L G Powell

The Committee of Session
on Pastor.

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PHILADELPHIA July 11, 1907

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.

Syracuse

My dear Sir:-

Yours is received and submitted to a meeting of our Session after prayer meeting last night . I was instructed to advise you that in view of the fact that the Congregation was particularly promised , when they gave power to the two Boards (Elders and Trustees) to issue a tentative call, that final action would be deferred until the people ~~the people~~ returned from their summer vacations in September, and , also, in view of the additional fact , that you have told your own church that no answer would be given until September, it was the judgement of the Session that more would be lost than gained by attempting to call a Congregational Meeting at once for the purpose of ratifying the tentative call made you .

As nearly a fortnight has now elapsed since you were here , and no opposition developed, we feel encouraged to hope for a practically unanimous vote in September, at the meeting to be held either on the 11th or the 18th , as determined by the September meeting of our Presbytery, at which we wish to prosecute the call , if given. You will , therefore, in event of deciding <u>not</u> to accept kindly communicate with Elder Way prior to the first Sunday in September, as I expect to be away from the city from August 1st to September10th in Nelson , N. H.

Wishing you a delightful and refreshing vacation , I am

Very sincerely yours

Wm. W. Fiske

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PHILADELPHIA Sept. 10, 1 07

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

On my return to my office this morning from my vacation in Nelson, N. H. I found both the paper and the letter you kindly sent on the 5th . I was glad to get this pleasant greeting upon again resuming work at the old stand , and beg to assure you that the Congreggtional Meeting has been duly called from the pulpit for the past two Sundays for Wednesday night , the 11th inst ; also letters sent out by mail on the 4th to every family , or individual member in the church , advising them of the meeting and its purpose , and urging attendance . From all reports I am led to believe that the action will be enthusiastic and unanimous in your favor . But of course one can never tell what a Congregational Meeting (and a Presbyterian one) will do in advance ; but I am willing to stake my reputation as a prophet on what this one will do , and you may expect a wire that night . The quicker this matter , so long pending on account of unavoidable conditions is settled, the better for all parties in interest . No other candidate is before us . I want to invite you and Mrs. Robinson to our house when you visit the city to look over the field . The room you had will be at your disposal then . Mrs. Fiske remains in Nelson a few days longer to see our daughter installed in her new Walnut Hill School, Natick

With kind regards , I am , Very sincerely yours

Wm. W. Fiske

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PHILADELPHIA July 6, 1907

Rev. William Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Syracuse

My dear Sir:-

Both of your letters are received this morning , and I thank you for them . I write to say that the sentiment of our people , as we hear more from them, seems remarkable for its unanimity and to have deepened into a conviction that you are the right man for the vacant Pastorate of this church . I hear it on every hand and from most unexpected quarters. I feel that I can assure you of a unanimous call when the Congregation can formally act in the matter . Only the summer vacation occuring at this time led us to embarrass you (as I feel it may do) by sending you the tentative call on the 1st inst . I am not at all sure but , allthings considered, it is best to call a Congregational Meeting , not-with-standing so many are away , and take a vote on the matter . I hope you will frankly advise me if this course would be more acceptable to you then to wait until September ? I can imagine the interest of your church in the result , from our recent experience when it was first rumored that Dr. Cochran was going to leave us to accept the Secretaryship .

With kind regards from Mrs. Fiske and myself , and hoping to hear soon, I am
Very sincerely yours

Wm. W. Fiske

Northminster Church
Wednesday 9.30 PM
Sept. 11. 1907

My dear Dr. Robinson

With pleasure I enclose the formal Call authorized by our Congregation tonight. As I wired you the large & enthusiastic meeting was most gratifying to the Session. A beautiful spirit of peace & harmony prevailed. Many of our active members are still out of town, but we pretty generally know they would have voted for you had they been here. The enthusiasm & unanimity of sentiment is remarkable, and we hope you will interpret it as an indication of Providence that you are to come. We are anxious to get settled - tired of pulpit supplies each Sunday. Dr. Orr is no longer with us after today.

Mr. & Mrs. May desired to be remembered to you. Let me know when you will be on so I may meet you - Hoping for a favorable reply & with all good wishes, I am

Very Sincerely Yours
Wm. V. Fike

P. S.

Our Presbytery will meet 2 Th Sept 16 & again October 7 (1st Monday)

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PHILADELPHIA, 11/18 190

Rev H. Courtland Robinson D.D.

My dear Pastor:

Believing that credit should be given to whom it is due I write you to say that I was very much impressed with the both sermons you so ably delivered yesterday.

There is an elderly man that has been attending our church for sometime who is somewhat skeptical & is inclined to criticise very closely.

The evening you preached taking your text I got a revelation about the four gates on the East, West, North & South. This man was there & was very much pleased saying that he had gotten entirely a new thought from your sermon. He was present last night but did not get to see him.

Knowing that it is encouraging to feel that one is appreciated & that the gift

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PHILADELPHIA, _____ 190

Just faith are making impression I are bound to thank their good results is my foremost reason for writing you.

You can rest assured that I pray night & morning for you & your family.

Sincerely yours

Gilbert N. Farr

341 Wallace St.

Delhi N.Y.
Dec 23. 99

My Dear Courtland

Stewart took his leave for Potsdam this morning — we had a delightful visit with him — these two days. It was only to find Stewart is a fine young man with impulses in the right direction. With the character of Stewart he is cultivating there is a promising future before him. It is rare to see a young man at his age whose inclinations & tastes seem all towards the better things

We are in the midst of a great & blizzardy snow storm, but not a

great deal of trouble as yet although Stewart might found his way blocked before he reached Cobdom

Poor Dr Cook - his glory was short lived His action since he come home have foreshadowed the conclusion but it was easier to believe he had reached the pole than to believe he could be such a fool as to try to impose upon the nations such a monumental fraud

Am much obliged for your Christmas contribution

I send in check my usual to you & Gussie

We gave Stewart his gift when here Wishing you a happy & Merry Christmas & with much love I am your affectionate Father

C O P Y

Meadow, S.D. August 5, 1910

Mr. L. G. Fouse,
3613 Baring St.,
Philadelphia.

My dear Mr. Fouse:-

I should have written you sooner, but for the suspense and uncertainties with which we have been environed.

More than two weeks ago Mrs. Hunt was able to be taken to the train in an auto. and with our son started for Huron, where under the treatment of a specialist she seems to be slowly starting toward improvement, but at best it will be a matter of delays and reverses.

I sincerely hope your own health is much better than when I saw you.

The new church at Daviston is intent upon building, and we are hopeful that through the Presbyterial H.M.Com. we may have two fields here on which pastors will be regularly stationed; fields opened up by your S.S. missionary. The great hindrance to church work here now, is the discouragement of the people arising from the drouth so general over the N.W. The crops in this new country are largely a failure, and the people are generally dependent upon the products of the farm for a living,- so it will bring many into the extremeties of want, especially if the coming winter should be a hard one. But this region has a good soil and the dry season is spread over many states and is not a local matter.

But just here permit me to introduce two topics to which your consideration is asked. Had you been in good health I would have asked your judgment on them when I was in Philadelphia, had I not been so suddenly called home. The first is a matter of transportation. One team is insufficient for touring this great field of twenty-thousand square miles. In the two years and three months I have been in this work I have organized thirty Sunday schools and driven with one team 9,192 miles. It takes too much time on the road. One man with a touring car could do the work of two men with no means of travel but a team. I think that with a good touring car - they are in general use out here * I could accomplish enough more work to make it truly gratifying. Other ministers in a work similar to mine are being supplied with autos, and if I were able to do so I certainly should. Would the Northminster S.S. and church like to consider helping their S.S. missionary out in this line?

The second matter is this, - could you give me or secure for me a loan of $2500. on land? The mortgage would make you perfectly safe. Many people are preparing to leave this new country because of hard times. I think that in two years from this time the land now bought for $2500. will sell for $5,000. The railroad surveyed through here is running trains within forty miles of here. Now is the time to buy land. I would like, if possible, to get a little property ahead for the proverbial "rainy day," for the meagre

support in the pastorate or in S.S. work is all spent as the years go by, and I must educate the children and support the sick wife. If, being made safe with a mortgage, the proposition should be one that you would like to meet, you or your friends, it would greatly assist me to be assured of having a little something with which to support the family in later years. It is a fact generally accepted and acted upon here by banks and land men, that the price of land will double here within a few years.

I shall be pleased to hear from you concerning the matters presented herein, and sincerely hope that your health is much improved by this time.

Very cordially yours,

Charles R. Hunt (Sgd.)

Thirty-fifth and Baring Streets
Philadelphia

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D
~~Joseph Wilson Cochran~~
Minister

801 Harrison Building

Oct. 7, 1907

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

We had a delightful communion yesterday . The house-count was 472 , and 436 communed. Enclosed you will find the Notice sheet , and names of the three new members received, two on confession and one by letter.

The House Committee wish to know when you expect to ship your freight ? They want to have the house cleaned in time for its reception. Also do you want coal put in for the winter ? It will be better to have it put in the cellar before the goods come . Will require twenty tons for range and heater . I will see if the party who supplied the church last June at a special rate of $6.12 will give you benefit of same rate now . Coal has gone up a little since , but I have no dobt he will .

The Session wish me to inquire as to date you would suggest for your installation , and whom you would like invited for the various parts in the service ? The matter of arrangements has been referred to the six Commissioners appointed by the Congregation to sign the call and prosecute it before Presbytery at the November meeting , Monday the 4th .

We desire to give you and Mrs. Robinson a reception on the evening following the Installation . Thursday , Nov. 14 and Friday Nov. 15 are dates that have suggested themselves as being appropriate if they suit your convenience.

As soon as I hear from you I will call the Committee together .

Synod meets here Oct. 17to 21, and Northminster has provided for the entertainment of five of the expected 200 Commissioners , the number allotted to us. The proof sheets of the Directory and roll are now in hand ; we are pruning it vigorously ; cannot yet say what the net number will be . With best wishes , and kind regards to Mrs. Robinson , I am

Faithfully yours

Wm. H. Sisk

801 Harrison Building

Oct. 7, 1907

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We had a delightful communion yesterday . The house-count was 472 , and 420 communed. Enclosed you will find the Notice sheet , and names of the three new members received, two on confession and one by letter.

The House Committee wish to know when you expect to ship your Project ? They want to have the House cleaned in time for its reception. Also do you want coal put in for the winter ? It will be better to have it put in the cellar before the goods come . Will require twenty tons for range and heater . I will ask if the party who supplied the church last June at a special rate of $6.15 will give you benefit of same rate now . Coal has gone up a little since , but I have no doubt he will .

The Session wish me to inquire as to date you could begin for your Installation , and when you would like invited for the various parts in the service ? The matter of arrangements has been referred to the Committee appointed by the Congregation to plan the call and presents it before Presbytery at the November meeting , Monday the 4th .

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